

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the subject application as amended. In response to the Office Action mailed 4/10/06, Applicant is filing this amendment. Claims 1-4 and 7-20 are pending.

In the Office Action mailed 4/10/06, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Nobunaga (U.S. Patent Application Pub. 2005/0005183) and rejected the same claims 1-5 also under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Aldereguia et al. (U.S. Patent 5,522,064; "Aldereguia"). However, the Examiner has noted allowable subject matter in objected claims 6-8 and allowed claims 9-20. In reply, Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to include subject matter noted as allowable.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that the amended claims overcome the Examiner's rejection based on Nobunaga and Aldereguia, and respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the 35 U.S.C. §102(e) rejections.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance and requests the Examiner to allow pending claims 1-4 and 7-20, as amended.

Additionally, a new power of attorney is being submitted herewith, in order to associate this application with Customer Number 51472.

If there are any fee shortages related to this response, please charge such fee shortages to Deposit Account No. 50-2126.

Respectfully submitted,

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